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Damage **			
Bridges - destroyed	1,153	223	161
damaged	3,049	763	432
Tunnels - destroyed	65	41	
damaged	939	257	
Locomotives - destroyed	963	272	6
damaged	1,171	345	6
Freight cars - destroyed	10,407	3,638	227
damaged	22,674	6,769	592
Railroad cuts	28,621	24,251	n.a.
Vehicles - destroyed	82,920	33,210	483***
damaged	33,131	14,768	565
Buildings - destroyed	118,231	9,209	1,837
damaged	88,461	17,382	2,024
Oil storage tanks - destroyed	16	-	
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damaged	821	284		
Aircraft				
Average inventory				
Bombers - light	192 +	150**		
Bombers - medium	118 +	103**		
Fighters	1,511 +	982**		
Operational losses***				
B-26	170	65		
B-29	57	23		
F-51	299	105		
F-80	277	77		
F-82	11	3		
F-84	249	132		
F-86	184	68		

* Including 7,703 sorties against JCS targets and 16,166 armed reconnaissance sorties.

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*** Barracks, warehouses, miscellaneous buildings.

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+ Peak average inventory, April - June 1953.

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Total Combat	461,554	144,724	
Total Interdiction	220,168	81,613	
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Bombs (tons)	386,037	117,785	
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Total Interdiction and armed reconnaissance	220,168	81,613	81,613	24,057 * (4)
Expenditures - Total Combat				
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* excludes sorties flown by Navy/Marine and other friendly forces. During Korean War Navy/Marine aircraft flew 275,912 combat sorties; 204,495 sorties were of Navy, 44,160 of Marine and 26,757 reconnaissance. Ordnance expenditures were 178,399 tons of bombs and 274,189 rounds of rockets. Navy aircraft were primarily engaged in Operation Strangle but also conducted interdiction strikes, counter air defense, reconnaissance, and armed reconnaissance.

** includes close support, strategic, counter air defense, reconnaissance, and interdiction and armed reconnaissance. Excludes combat support sorties such as rescue, cargo and tactical control.

*** A mission with the primary purpose of penetrating enemy lines and destroying or damaging traffic, communications and movement significant to the enemy's military operation in a given area.

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